V.—DISCUSSION *RE* NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* NON-GAZETTED OFFICERS' STRIKE.

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Sir, I had been in touch with the Commissioner of Police and as to-day is a holiday, being a penultimate Saturday I could not get any information and so I have nothing to convey to this House further to what I said this morning."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, in the morning you announced in this House, that you have received notice of an adjournment motion and you read it out."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No, I did not read it out."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" You read it out."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No, I did not read it out. I would make my position clear. Rule 36 which deals with adjournment motions reads as follows :—

' *A motion for an adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be made with the consent of the President.*'

So before the motion is to be moved my previous consent is necessary. It has been my practice, before I make up my mind to allow or disallow the motion to give an opportunity to the other side to say what they have to say in the matter. The Hon. Minister said that he had practically no authentic information about the incident except that some force was used. So I did not permit the hon. Member to make this motion. If I had said so then and there I would have lost my control over the Hon. Minister and he would have gone home. (Laughter.) I just wanted him not to leave the matter there but to get into touch with the Commissioner of Police and ascertain the information, so that I may decide whether the subject-matter is urgent and of public importance. Now the Minister has told us that he could not get any further information."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I am only bringing this matter to your notice for our future guidance."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I must give my permission to the hon. Member to make his motion; and it has been my practice before giving it to consult Government what they have to say and what time they would require to prepare for the debate. I hope I have made myself clear."

1-45 p.m. (After a pause.) The House now stands adjourned *sine die*.